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EXCLUSIVE FOR DEPUTY ASST SEC ARMITAGE, EUR, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

REF: STATE 298778

1. WE GOT ABOUT A REAM OF TELEGRAMS ABOUT ASSESSMENTS OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION ("SNAPSHOTS") AND HOW VARIOUS EE EMBASSIES PROPOSED TO HANDLE THEIR DISCUSSIONS; BUT WHEN IT COMES TO REPORTS OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, FOR SOME REASON AVAILABLE MATERIAL IS VERY LIMITED. WE NEVER RECEIVED A REPORT OF STOESSEL'S OCTOBER 14 DEMARCHE (MOSCOW 14675). WE NOTED ITS EXISTENCE ONLY AFTER WE SUCCEEDED IN COAXING OUT OF MOSCOW A POUCHED COPY OF THEIR 17241 WHICH HAD BEEN SENT ONLY TO THE DEPARTMENT (WITH SLUG "REPEAT AS DESIRED").

2. WITH BUDAPEST WE WERE LESS SUCCESSFUL. APPARENTLY THEIR 3920 WAS A PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION, PERHAPS BECAUSE AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT WAS INVOLVED. ALL WE KNOW FROM STATE 298778 IS THAT KADAR SAID "THE THRUST OF CURRENT US ACTIVITIES HAS FOUND FAVOR IN HUNGARY AND WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT", WHICH IS CERTAINLY NICE; BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATION HOW MCAULIFFE WAS ABLE TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERESTING SCENARIO OUTLINED IN HIS WIDELY DISSEMINATED BUDAPEST 3555.

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3. INCIDENTALLY, THE SAME REFTEL TOLD MCAULIFFE THAT

"DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY WAS INFORMED OF YOUR (SIC) CSCE POSITION", WHICH WAS A BIT MYSTIFYING. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR ALL CONCERNED IF THERE COULD BE MORE COMPLETE LATERAL DISSEMINATION OF MESSAGE DEALING WITH CSCE DEMARCHES. TO BEGIN WITH, I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT CAN TRUST ME WITH BUDAPEST 3928, EVEN IF IT SHOULD BE EXDIS.

4. AM SENDING THIS DIRECT TO YOU BECAUSE AM BEGINNING TO WONDER IF PERHAPS THERE IS SOME INJUNCTION AGAINST LATERAL DISSEMINATION. DID WE VIOLATE IT BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOFIA 2811? ALSO, SOME INFORMATION FOR US MAY BE IN THE POUCH, BUT WE'VE BEEN FOGGED IN FOR SOME TIME AND EVEN ASIDE FROM THAT SEVERAL POUCHES ARE TOTALLY UNACCOUNTED FOR. IT'S ONE OF THOSE TIMES. HAPPY NEW YEAR.
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